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Subject: Need Approval - Press Inquiry KPRC Channel 2

Are you ok with me sending this statement to the report? Have you heard anything there about concerns on asbestos?

Question:

I'm a reporter in Houston, covering the TPC plant explosion in Port Neches. Residents are being warned about asbestos residue following the explosion. I'm seeking information about what residents should do and how big of a health threat this is. Can you please call me ASAP at 832-457-9793. Thank you!

Proposed Response:

Thank you for writing us. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) are working with Unified Command (UC) in response to an explosion at the TPC Group Plant in Port Neches, TX. EPA is monitoring with the Airborne Spectral Photometric Environmental Collection Technology aircraft (ASPECT) and has several On-Scene Coordinators and technical support personnel at the Site. Since early in the incident, EPA has been on scene and integrated into the UC. Throughout the response, the Agency has been using the ASPECT plane and had ground teams conducting air monitoring in the vicinity of TPC and downwind community. The State and TPC are also conducting handheld monitoring and collecting data downwind and in the community.

For additional information on EPA's response efforts: response.epa.gov/south4groupfire.

For additional information on TCEQ's response efforts: <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/tpc-incident/tpc-port-neches-plant-fire>

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